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WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT AGENCY

June 16, 1945

URGENT NEED FOR IMMEDIATE
MARKETING OF CORN

Need for Corn — Corn is needed now for three purposes: (1) to provide for the needs of farmers for feed for poultry, dairy cows, hogs and other livestock, (2) to provide corn for the processors manufacturing corn products for direct use in the war, and (3) to provide for the needs of the feed mixing industry.

Shortages of corn for feed have been reported from nearly all states in the eastern half of the United States.

Some processors of essential corn products are running on a reduced schedule and others have closed down because corn is not available on the market.

Supply Situation — April 1, 1945 stocks of corn on farms were estimated at 1,361,000,000 bushels. Corn in all positions was estimated at 23 percent more than on April 1, 1944.

The carryover of corn next October 1 may amount to 450 to 500 million bushels which would be more than double the carryover, October 1, 1944.

Recent Actions — On June 14, O.P.A. announced the corn price ceiling would not be changed since the present ceiling reflects parity to the producer as required by the Price Control Act.

W.F.A. has issued an order prohibiting sale of corn to a distiller, or the purchase of corn by a distiller or an exporter on or after June 16, 1945. The order also prohibits the use of previously acquired corn in manufacturing alcohol or for export unless the corn is acquired under contracts entered into before June 11, 1945.

Transportation — As the rail shipments of war goods to the Pacific Coast increase and the winter wheat harvest moves north, shipments of corn by rail are likely to become more difficult. June offers the best possibility for rail shipment of corn for some time to come.

Summary — There is corn. The price ceiling is not to be changed. Corn sold now will be used for food, livestock feed or essential war industries, not for alcohol or export.

The greatest need is by other farmers — to maintain their milk, poultry, egg and meat production.

Any farmer who has corn which can be sold will be helping the urgent need for feed to maintain production of meat, milk and eggs and other essential war products by selling now.

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